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ECONOMIC COMMISSION FOR EUROPE

Annual Report covering the period from 24 April 1998 to 6 May 1999

INTRODUCTION

1. The present Annual Report was adopted unanimously by the Economic Commission for Europe (ECE) at the sixth meeting of its fifty-fourth session on 6 May 1999.

CHAPTER I

ISSUES CALLING FOR ACTION BY THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL OR BROUGHT TO ITS ATTENTION

2. None.

CHAPTER II

WORK OF THE COMMISSION SINCE ITS FIFTY-THIRD SESSION

A. Activities of subsidiary bodies

3. A list of meetings held since the fifty-third session is contained in Annex I, showing in each case the dates, the officers and the symbols of the report. These reports record the agreements reached and decisions taken.

B. Other activities

4. The secretariat serviced the regular session of the Commission, meetings of its subsidiary bodies, and other meetings held under its auspices. A list of the reports submitted to the fifty-fourth session of the Commission is given in Annex II. Periodic reviews, including the Economic Survey of Europe, and a series of specialized statistical bulletins, were published. The secretariat maintained close and regular liaison with United Nations Headquarters and cooperated with the Departments concerned, as well as with the secretariats of the other regional commissions on projects of common interest.

C. Relations with other United Nations Programmes

5. The cooperation of the Commission and its secretariat in 1998/1999 with various United Nations bodies and other international organizations, as well as with their secretariats, is described in document E/ECE/1370.

CHAPTER III

FIFTY-FOURTH SESSION OF THE COMMISSION

A. Attendance and organization of work

6. The fifty-fourth session of the Commission was held from 4 to 6 May 1999. The Commission heard statements by the Chairman and the Executive Secretary.

7. The fifty-fourth session was attended by representatives from Albania, Austria, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Belgium, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Canada, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Estonia, Finland, France, Georgia, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Israel, Italy, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Monaco, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Russian Federation, San Marino, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Tajikistan, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Turkey, Ukraine, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, and United States of America.

8. The session was attended by representatives of the European Community.

9. Representatives of the Holy See participated under article 8 of the Commission's terms of reference.

10. Representatives of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) and the following intergovernmental organizations were in attendance: International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA), Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD), Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE), World Trade Organization (WTO), Council of Europe.

11. For discussion of the ECE cooperation with subregional groupings and initiatives, representatives of the Black Sea Economic Cooperation (BSEC), Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS), CIS Interstate Economic Committee and Southeast European Cooperative Initiative (SECI) were in attendance.

12. The following non-governmental organizations were represented: International Council of Women; International Federation of Business and Professional Women; World Federation of United Nations Associations; Zonta International.

13. A complete list of participants can be found in document E/ECE(54)/INF.1/Rev.1.

B. Agenda

14. The Commission adopted its agenda (E/ECE/1367/Rev.1) which read as follows:

1. Adoption of the Agenda

2. Strengthening cooperation within the ECE region

(a) Consequences of the financial crisis in the ECE region (including an informal seminar)

(b) Operational activities and cooperation with regional/subregional groupings, initiatives and organizations

3. Implementation of the Reform

(a) Issues related to the work of the Group of Experts on the Programme of Work with the participation of Principal Subsidiary Bodies

(b) Exchange of views on cross-sectoral concerns including intersectoral linkages, with the participation of Principal Subsidiary Bodies

(c) Follow-up to the ECOSOC Resolution relating to the regional commissions

(d) Cooperation with European institutions and Pan-European organizations and sub-regional organizations

4. Matters arising from the work of subsidiary bodies requiring decision by the Commission

5. Proposed Programme Budget for 2000-2001

6. Election of Officers

7. Other business

8. Annual report of the Commission.

C. Election of Officers

15. The Chairman of the fifty-fourth session of the Commission was Mr. Miroslav Somol (Czech Republic) and the Vice-Chairmen were Mr. Petros Eftychiou (Cyprus), Mr. Harald Kried (Austria) and Mr. Bolat Utemuratov (Kazakhstan).

16. Ms. Jacqueline Aquilina (Malta) was designated Rapporteur by the Bureau.

17. At its sixth meeting the Commission elected by acclamation Mr. Miroslav Somol (Czech Republic) Chairman of the fifty-fifth session. Mr. Harald Kried (Austria) was re-elected Vice-Chairman and Mr. Murat Sungar (Turkey) and Mr. Amiran Kavadze (Georgia) were elected Vice-Chairmen of the fifty-fifth session.

D. Account of proceedings

Strengthening cooperation within the ECE region
(Agenda item 2)

(a) Consequences of the financial crisis in the ECE region

18. As called for in the Plan of Action, the secretariat organized a debate on a major economic theme. This year the theme chosen was the consequences of the financial crisis on the ECE region. The seminar was divided into three sessions.

(i) The impact of the global financial and economic crisis on the ECE region, with special emphasis on western and central Europe: (Session I) was chaired by Mr. Miroslav Somol (Ambassador of the Czech Republic to the United Nations Office at Geneva and Chairman of the Commission). Mr. Jorge Braga de Macedo (Professor, Nova University, Lisbon, former Minister of Finance, Portugal, and former EC Director General); Mr. Christian de Boissieu (Professor, La Sorbonne, Paris); Mr. Antonio Costa (Secretary General, EBRD); Mr. László Csaba (Budapest University of Economics and KOPINT-DATORG); and Mr. Daniel Gottlieb (Senior Adviser to the Governor of the Central Bank of Israel) acted as discussion leaders.

(ii) Overcoming the crisis of the Russian economy: (Session II) was chaired by Mr. Antonio Costa (Secretary General, EBRD). Mr. Grzegorz Kolodko, (Professor at Warsaw School of Economics, Deputy Premier and Minister of Finance of Poland, 1994-97;; Mr. Andrei Swinarenko (Deputy Minister of Economics of the Russian Federation); and Mr. Rumen Dobrinsky (Economic Affairs Officer, Economic Commission for Europe) acted as discussion leaders.

(iii) (Session III) which concentrated on the threats to the transition process in other economies was chaired by Mr. Bernhard Molitor (Chairman, OECD Economic Development and Review Committee). Mr. Daniel Daianu (former Minister of Finance of Romania and President of the Romanian Institute for Free Enterprise); Mr. Lutz Hoffmann (President, DIW, Berlin); Mr. Igor Mitiukov (Minister of Finance of Ukraine); Mrs Brigita Schmögnerová (Minister of Finance, Slovakia); and Mr. Timo Summa (Director, Directorate-General IA, European Commission) acted as discussion leaders.

19. The Commission then reconverted to formal segment. The Executive Secretary made an introductory statement and presented Conference Room Paper No. 1 on "Recovery in Southeast Europe after a settlement of the conflict in Yugoslavia - Elements for a contribution by the UN/ECE". Delegations recognized that ECE has expertise in a number of areas of relevance to the post-conflict reconstruction of Southeast Europe and that such expertise should be drawn upon wherever possible to assist in the coordinated economic reconstruction of the region. They also asked the secretariat to elaborate further on the proposals contained in the Conference Room paper, and on the additional ideas expressed by delegations, relating to all its areas of expertise. Delegations stressed that it was essential that activities be properly coordinated between all the organizations and institutions involved in the reconstruction effort.

20. There was a proposal made by a delegation that Skopje be designated as a regional centre for the coordination of the future activities for the reconstruction of the region.

Other suggestions and proposals were also made by delegations.

Since no suggestion or proposal was addressed by the Commission, the secretariat was later requested, in conformity with the Plan of Action (Chapter III B(b)) to summarize the discussion and circulate this summary to member States after consulting the Bureau.

(b) Operational activities and cooperation with regional/subregional groupings, initiatives and organizations

21. The Commission recognized the importance of ECE's operational activities and the contribution they made to economic integration and the strengthening of stability, peace and good neighbourly relations among countries in the region.

22. The Executive Secretary was invited to respond to requests for such assistance in a geographically balanced manner and to pay special attention to requests from those countries most in need of assistance.

23. In view of the limited resources available, the Executive Secretary and ECE member States were invited to explore possibilities for providing additional financing for the Commission's operational activities, in close cooperation with the relevant financial institutions and donor organizations, in support of various types of activities such as advisory missions, seminars, training workshops and for developing projects within the framework of sub-regional groupings and initiatives, in particular the Southeast European Cooperative Initiative (SECI), the Special Programme for the Economies of Central Asia (SPECA) and the Black Sea Economic Cooperation (BSEC). It was further recognized that ECE's efforts in the Mediterranean had very often failed because of lack of financial resources and, therefore, additional efforts should be made to mobilize resources with a view to responding to the specific circumstances and needs of the Commission's

Mediterranean countries. In this context, the Barcelona Process was mentioned as a dynamic framework for subregional economic cooperation.

24. The Commission expressed its appreciation of the effective cooperation and dialogue that had been established with regional/subregional organizations and initiatives, especially SECI, SPECA, BSEC and the Central European Initiative (CEI). It invited the Executive Secretary to continue to strengthen this cooperation, stressing that it be complementary to that provided by other institutions and organizations and that information on projects supported by ECE within the framework of subregional groupings and initiatives be shared in order to maximize synergies among them. The need to plan sufficiently such cooperation well in advance was also stressed.

25. It was recognized that the Regional Advisers continue to play an important role in advising and helping the countries in transition to apply ECE norms, standards and conventions. The Commission expressed its concern that the resources had diminished for funding and staffing for the regional advisory programme and that the activities of the Regional Advisers had been considerably reduced between 1998 and 1999. The Executive Secretary invited ECE member States to take the necessary steps within the framework of the relevant United Nations intergovernmental bodies to ensure that ECE was allocated the necessary resources in the biennium 2000-2001.

26. In order to maximize the impact of the Commission's technical assistance and provide further guidance, each PSB was requested to look at the operational activities undertaken within its field of competence and mandate and to identify the needs for operational activities and financing for them. The Commission requested that a synthesis of the conclusions of each PSB's review be prepared for consideration at its fifty-fifth session.

(a) Issues related to the work of the Group of Experts on the Programme of Work

27. The Commission had before it the report of the Group of Experts on the Programme of Work (E/ECE/1372) on the prioritization process. The Commission expressed its appreciation of the work of the Group of Experts, the secretariat and the PSBs in this exercise. It endorsed the new system of prioritization of PSBs' work programmes proposed by the Group of Experts as well as the related recommendations that:

- All PSB activities using ECE regular budget resources should be included in the prioritization exercise;

- The three-tier system of prioritization should be maintained, but PSBs which account for less than 5% of total ECE resources (Human Settlements, Timber and Sustainable Energy) may, if necessary, prioritize their activities on a two-tier basis;

- A proforma should be produced for individual PSBs to complete during the prioritization exercise;

- An explanatory note should be produced to accompany the new proforma; and

- The Chairman or a representative of the GEPW should attend the annual meetings between the Bureau of the Commission and the PSB Bureaux. Other informal meetings between the PSBs and the Group of Experts could be arranged as necessary.

(b) Exchange of views on cross-sectoral concerns including intersectoral linkages

28. The Commission reviewed the progress made in the integration of the two cross-sectoral concerns, namely sustainable development and gender mainstreaming, into the work programme of ECE, based on the secretariat's paper (E/ECE/1369). While noting the unevenness in the progress made across the different sectors, the Commission recognized that integration of cross-sectoral issues was a long-term process which could only be achieved through continued action and effort. In this regard, the chairpersons of Principal Subsidiary Bodies expressed their commitment to support the process.

29. In relation to sustainable development, recognizing it as a subject that cut across all areas of activity of ECE, the Commission:

• invited the Committee on Environmental Policy to review all activities related to sustainable development and make suggestions to each PSB and to the Commission on a more systematic approach at the ECE level.

30. In the area of gender mainstreaming, the Commission expressed its desire to see further efforts made in this regard. Also in relation to gender issues, the Commission:

• endorsed the convening of an expert meeting at the intergovernmental level, in response to the request by the General Assembly, which would review economic issues, problems and policies relating to the situation of women in ECE countries, in order to provide a regional assessment for the 2000 review of the implementation of the Beijing Platform for Action. Other issues would also be addressed according to the respective interests and work areas of other organizations to be involved in the preparation of this meeting. The details of the meeting would be finalized at the June ad hoc informal meeting of the Commission, based on a proposal prepared by the ECE secretariat in consultation with these organizations as well as member States.

31. The Commission also commended recent developments in intersectoral cooperation, in particular in the fields of transport and environment, as well as environment and health, and urged that further advances be made in this direction.

(c) Follow-up to the ECOSOC resolution relating to the regional commissions

32. The Commission took note with satisfaction of the document on follow-up to the ECOSOC resolution relating to the regional commissions (E/ECE/1370). It was agreed that it was not necessary for the Commission to transmit the document to ECOSOC since information contained therein would be included in the Secretary-General's report to ECOSOC on regional cooperation. The secretariat was invited to continue its efforts to enhance cooperation and dialogue along the lines outlined in the report by participating in management coordination mechanisms, including United Nations system regional Inter-Agency Meetings and the ACC, and by cooperating with United Nations entities, programmes and funds. The secretariat was also encouraged to keep ECE member States informed of developments.

(d) Cooperation with European institutions and Pan-European organizations and subregional organizations

33. The Commission considered ECE's cooperation with other European institutions, pan-European and subregional organizations, based on document E/ECE/1371.

34. It was agreed that ECE's cooperation with the institutions and organizations cited in the report was extremely important. The Commission urged ECE to continue to strengthen this cooperation, paying due regard to the comparative advantages of each organization and ensuring the most efficient use of resources.

35. Regarding the proposals contained in Conference Room Paper No. 2, "Europe, a Common Will - Proposal for a pan-European process", the Executive Secretary was invited to take into account the comments made during the course of the debate and to continue his consultations, keeping ECE member States informed.

Matters arising from the work of subsidiary bodies requiring decision by the Commission

(Agenda item 4)

36. Under this item, the Commission endorsed the recommendation that the Meeting of Officials on Land Administration (MOLA) be granted a standing character, as proposed in document E/ECE/1373. This was on the basis of the Commission's recognition of the MOLA group's work in the promotion of land privatization and land registration systems in the ECE region and of the need for such work to continue, in particular for the benefit of countries with economies in transition that are moving from traditional to modern systems of land administration.

Proposed Programme Budget for 2000-2001
(Agenda item 5)

37. Under this item this item the Secretary of the Commission provided information on the ECE budget submission for the biennium 2000-2001. It was indicated that the total amount of resources allocated to/ ECE for 2000-2001 would be at the same level as for the biennium 1998-1999. The Commission was further informed that the published budget of the Secretary-General contained a request for an additional post of Information Officer in the Office of the Executive Secretary. Delegations were invited to support this proposal during the budget discussions at the General Assembly. Delegations were also called upon to ensure that the resources allocated to ECE under Section 21 of the budget be at least equivalent to or above those received during the current biennium.

38. The Commission was also informed that ECE's budget submission in the results-based format had been selected among the regional commissions to be used as a prototype for submission to the General Assembly. Following the interest expressed by member countries, it was agreed that information on the results-based budget exercise would be communicated to them through the Group of Experts on the Programme of Work.

Other business
(Agenda item 7)

39. The Chairman announced that the tentative dates for the holding of the fifty-fifth session of the Commission in Geneva were 2-5 May 2000, taking into account the need to avoid choosing dates which might conflict with those of other important meetings. No objections were raised.

40. There was a suggestion, not addressed by the Commission, that Tirana could be considered as a centre for coordination of the future activities for the reconstruction of Southeast Europe.

41. It was agreed that the question of biennialization of the Commission sessions would be reconsidered by the Group of Experts on the Programme of Work, as agreed by the Commission at its fifty-third session, and that the Group should report back to an ad hoc informal meeting of the Commission.

Adoption of the Annual Report of the Commission
(Agenda item 8)

42. At its sixth meeting, on 6 May 1999, the Commission adopted its report covering the period from 24 April 1998 to 6 May 1999.

ANNEX I

LIST OF MEETINGS OF THE COMMISSION'S SUBSIDIARY BODIES IN 1998/99

Body and officers		Session	Symbol of report
THE COMMISSION			
Ad hoc Informal Meeting of the Commission		29 June 1998	--
Chairperson:	Mrs. E. Hefkens (Netherlands)		
Chairperson:	Mr. M. Somol (Czech Republic)	2 October 1998	--
		4 December 1998	--
		3 February 1999	--
		22 April 1999	--
Convention on Long-range Transboundary Air Pollution			
Executive Body for the Convention on Long-range Transboundary Air Pollution		Special session 24 June 1998 Århus (Denmark)	ECE/EB.AIR/57
Chairman:	Ms. A. Lindh (Sweden)		
Chairman:	Mr. J. Thompson (Norway)	16th session	ECE/EB.AIR/59
Vice-Chairmen:	Mr. J. Beale (United States)	8-11 December 1998	
	Mr. L. Björkbom (Sweden)		
	Mr. R. Görgen (Germany)		
	Mr. L. Lindau (Sweden)		
	Mr. K. Bull (United Kingdom)		
	Mr. M. Williams (United Kingdom)		
	Mr. J. Zurek (Poland)		
Steering Body to the Cooperative Programme for Monitoring and Evaluation of the Long-range Transmission of Air Pollutants in Europe (EMEP)		22nd session 7-9 September 1998	EB.AIR/GE.1/1998/2
Chairman:	Mr. M. Williams (United Kingdom)		
Vice-Chairmen:	Mr. H. Hojesky (Austria)		
	Mr. A. Kulmala (Finland)		
	Ms. M. Lesnjak (Slovenia)		
	Ms. G. Mitosek (Poland)		
	Mr. R. Van Aalst (Netherlands)		

Body and officers		Session	Symbol of report
Working Group on Effects		17th session 26-28 August 1998	EB.AIR/WG.1/1998/2
Chairman:	Mr. K. Bull (United Kingdom)		
Vice-Chairmen:	Mr. B. Achermann (Switzerland)		
	Mr. V.N. Bashkin (Russian Federation)		
	Mr. G. Fenech (Canada)		
	Mr. R. Guardans (Spain)		
	Mr. J. Kämäri (Finland)		
Working Group on Strategies		27th session 31 August- 3 September 1998	EB.AIR/WG.5/56
Chairman:	Mr. L. Björkbom (Sweden)		
Vice-Chairmen:	Mr. R. Ballaman (Switzerland)		
	Mr. W. Harnett (United States)	28th session 25-28 January 1999	EB.AIR/WG.5/58
	Mr. D. Hrcek (Slovenia)		
	Mr. V. Sokolovsky (Russian Federation)	29th session 22-26 March 1999	EB.AIR/WG.5/60
Working Group on Abatement Techniques		6th session 2-3 July 1998	EB.AIR/WG.6/1998/2
Chairman:	Mr. L. Lindau (Sweden)		
Vice-Chairman:	Mr. M. Venanzi (Italy)		
Convention on the Protection and Use of Transboundary Watercourses and International Lakes			
Intergovernmental Meeting on the Draft Protocol on Water and Health		2nd meeting 21-23 September 1998 Budapest (Hungary)	MP.WAT/AC.1/1998/9 EHCO 020102 I
Chairman:	Mr. A. Pinter (Hungary)		
Vice-Chairmen:	Mr. W. Kakebeeke (Netherlands)	3rd meeting	MP.WAT/AC.1/1998/13
	Mr. V. Karamushka (Ukraine)	3-4 December 1998 Budapest (Hungary)	EHCO 020102 M
Working Group on Water Management		1st session 23-24 September 1998 Budapest (Hungary)	MP.WAT/WG.1/1998/2
Chairman:	Mr. B. Warnat (Germany)		
Vice-Chairman:	Mr. G. Hollo (Hungary)		
Convention on Environmental Impact Assessment in a Transboundary Context			
Meeting of the Parties to the Convention		1st meeting 18-20 May 1998 Oslo (Norway)	ECE/MP.EIA/2
Chairman:	Mr. T. Lind (Norway)		
Vice-Chairman:	Ms. Y. Rawska (Poland)		

Body and officers		Session	Symbol of report
	ENVIRONMENT		
Committee on Environmental Policy		5th session 28 September- 2 October 1998	ECE/CEP/63
Chairman:	Mr. U. Svidén (Sweden)		
Vice-Chairmen:	Mr. C. Clini (Italy) Mr. S. Kuraev (Russian Federation) Mr. H. Liiv (Estonia) Mr. Y. Movchan (Ukraine) Mr. B. Muehling (United States) Mr. M. Slokar (Slovenia) Mrs. S. Velisek (Switzerland)		
Joint Meeting on Transport and the Environment		1st session 7 July 1998	JMTE/1998/4
Co-Chairmen:	Mr. H. Courtois (Belgium) Mr. U. Svidén (Sweden)		
Ad Hoc Preparatory Working Group of Senior Officials "Environment for Europe"		4th session 27-29 April 1998	CEP/AC.4/1998/4
Chairman:	Mr. L. Bjørnskov (Denmark)	5th session 17-19 June 1998 Århus (Denmark)	CEP/AC.4/1998/7
Meeting of the Signatories to the Convention on the Transboundary Effects of Industrial Accidents		7th meeting 13-15 May 1998 Prague (Czech Republic)	CEP/WG.4/1998/2
Chairman:	Mr. J. Zurek (Poland)		
Vice-Chairmen:	Mr. E. Berger (Switzerland) Mr. B. Szakál (Hungary)		
Meeting of Signatories to the Convention on Access to Environmental Information, Public Participation and Access to Justice in Environmental Matters		1st meeting 19-21 April 1999 Chisinau (Republic of Moldova)	CEP/WG.5/1999/2
Chairman:	Mr. W. Kakebeeke (Netherlands)		
Vice-Chairman:	Mr. A. Capcelea (Republic of Moldova)		
	TRANSPORT		
Inland Transport Committee		61st session 8-11 February 1999	ECE/TRANS/128 and Add.1
Chairman:	Mr. H. Courtois (Belgium)		
Vice-Chairman:	Mrs. V. Tanase (Romania)		

Body and officers		Session	Symbol of report
Ad Hoc Working Group for the Elaboration of a Draft European Agreement concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Inland Waterway		7th session 2-5 June 1998	TRANS/AC.6/14
		8th session 12-14 October 1998	TRANS/AC.6/16
Chairman:	Mr. R.J. van Dijk (Netherlands)		
Vice-Chairman:	Mr. G. Kafka (Austria)	9th session 2-5 March 1999	TRANS/AC.6/18
Working Party on Road Traffic Safety		31st session 1-4 September 1998	TRANS/WP.1/62
Chairman:	Mr. J. Busstra (Netherlands)		
Vice-Chairmen:	Mr. D. Link (Israel) Mr. I. Yakimov (Russian Federation)	32nd session 13-16 April 1999	TRANS/WP.1/64
Working Party on Transport Trends and Economics		11th session 21-23 September 1998	TRANS/WP.5/24
Chairman:	Mr. W. Dörries (Germany)		
Vice-Chairman:	Mr. V. Arsenov (Russian Federation)		
Working Party on Transport Statistics		49th session 26-28 October 1998	TRANS/WP.6/135
Chairman:	Mr. E. Grib (Denmark)		
Ad Hoc Meeting on the Road Traffic Census		29-30 October 1998	TRANS/WP.6/ AC.2/14
Chairman:	Mr. E. Sammartino (Italy)		
Working Party on the Transport of Perishable Foodstuffs		54th session 2-5 November 1998	TRANS/WP.11/198
Chairman:	Mr. M. Eilsoe (Denmark)		
Vice-Chairman:	Mr. V. Tkatchev (Russian Federation)		
Working Party on the Transport of Dangerous Goods		64th session 4-8 May 1998	TRANS/WP.15/153
Chairman:	Mr. J. Franco (Portugal)	65th session 16-20 November 1998	TRANS/WP.15/155
Vice-Chairman:	Mrs. A. Roumier (France)		
		66th session 3-7 May 1999	TRANS/WP.15/157

Body and officers		Session	Symbol of report
Joint Meeting of the RID Safety Committee and the Working Party on the Transport of Dangerous Goods		15-25 September 1998	TRANS/WP.15/ AC.1/74
Chairman:	Mr. A. Johansen (Norway)		
Vice-Chairman:	Mr. H. Rein (Germany)		
Meeting of Experts on the European Provisions concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Inland Waterway (ADN)		2nd session 19-22 January 1999	TRANS/WP.15/AC.2/4
Chairman:	Mr. K. Ridder (Germany)		
Vice-Chairman:	Mr. G. Kafka (Austria)		
Working Party on Combined Transport		30th session 7-8 September 1998	TRANS/WP.24/81
Chairman:	Mr. H. Maillard (Belgium)		
		31st session 13 April 1999	TRANS/WP.24/83
Working Party on the Construction of Vehicles		115th session 23-26 June 1998	TRANS/WP.29/638
Chairman:	Mr. B. Gauvin (France)		
Vice-Chairmen:	Mr. V. Koutenev (Russian Federation) Mr. F. Turpin (United States)	116th session 10-13 November 1998	TRANS/WP.29/640
Chairman:	Mr. V. Koutenev (Russian Federation)	117th session 9-12 March 1999	TRANS/WP.29/663
Vice-Chairman:	Mr. B. Gauvin (France)		
Working Party on Noise		29th session 24-25 September 1998	TRANS/WP.29/ GRB/27
Chairman:	Mr. H. Löffelholz (Germany)		
		30th session 22-25 February 1999	TRANS/WP.29/ GRB/28
Working Party on Lighting and Light-signalling		41st session 5-9 October 1998	TRANS/WP.29/ GRE/41
Chairman:	Mr. G. Meekel (Netherlands)	42nd session 14-16 April 1999	TRANS/WP.29/ GRE/42
Working Party on Pollution and Energy		36th session 2-5 June 1998	TRANS/WP.29/ GRPE/36
Chairman:	Mr. B. Gauvin (France)		
		37th session 12-15 January 1999	TRANS/WP.29/ GRPE/37

Body and officers		Session	Symbol of report
Working Party on Brakes and Running Gear		44th session 21-23 September 1998	TRANS/WP.29/ GRRF/44
Chairman:	Mr. M. Fendick (United Kingdom)		
		45th session 1-5 February 1999	TRANS/WP.29/ GRRF/45
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		24th session 1-4 December 1998	TRANS/WP.29/ GRSP/24
		25th session 3-7 May 1999	TRANS/WP.29/ GRSP/25
Working Party on Customs Questions affecting Transport		91st session 21-23 October 1998	TRANS/WP.30/182
Chairman: **Vice-Chairman:**	Mrs. Y. Kasikçi (Turkey) Mr . F. Paroissin (France)		
Chairman:	Mr . F. Paroissin (France)	92nd session 22-26 February 1999	TRANS/WP.30/184
Administrative Committee for the TIR Convention 1975		25th session 26 June 1998	TRANS/WP.30/ AC.2/51
Chairman:	Mr. O. Beginin (Russian Federation)		
Chairman: **Vice-Chairman:**	Mr. M. Amelio (Italy) Mr. I. Parts (Estonia)	26th session 25-26 February 1999	TRANS/WP.30/ AC.2/53
TIR Contact Group		2-4 December 1998 Istanbul (Turkey)	TRANS/WP.30/1999/3
Chairman:	Mr. H. Tiras (Turkey)		
Working Party on Road Transport		92nd session 19-21 October 1998	TRANS/SC.1/363
Chairman: **Vice-Chairman:**	Mr. J. Alaluusua (Finland) Mr. A. Pinson (Russian Federation)		

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Ad Hoc Meeting on Implementation of the European Agreement on Main International Traffic Arteries (AGR)		16th meeting 30 April-1 May 1998	TRANS/SC.1/AC.5/32
Chairman:	Mr. E. Sammartino (Italy)		
Ad Hoc Meeting on the Revision of the European Agreement concerning the Work of Crews of Vehicles Engaged in International Road Transport (AETR)		8-9 March 1999	TRANS/SC.1/AC.6/2
Chairman:	Mrs. M.-N. Poirier (France)		
Working Party on Rail Transport		52nd session 5-7 October 1998	TRANS/SC.2/190
Chairman:	Mr. E. Kosteas (Greece)		
Vice-Chairman:	Mr. G. Szabó (Hungary)		
Working Party on Inland Water Transport		42nd session 14-16 October 1998	TRANS/SC.3/146
Chairman:	Mr. C. Hofhuizen (Netherlands)		
Vice-Chairman:	Mr. I. Valkar (Hungary)		
Preparatory Committee Established Jointly by CCNR, the Danube Commission and ECE for the Drafting of the Convention on the Contract for the Carriage of Goods by Inland Waterway		5th session 24-28 August 1998	TRANS/SC.3/AC.5/7
Chairman:	Mr. A. Cucu (Romania)		
Vice-Chairman:	Mrs. C. Vanluchene (Belgium)		
Chairman:	Mr. S. Segura (France)	6th session 1-5 February 1999 Maribor (Slovenia)	TRANS/SC.3/AC.5/9
Vice-Chairman:	Mr. A. Grunfeld (Slovenia)		
Working Party on the Standardization of Technical and Safety Requirements in Inland Navigation		16th session 10-12 June 1998	TRANS/SC.3/ WP.3/32
Chairman:	Mr. H. Van Doorn (Netherlands)		
Chairman:	Mr. D. Anissine (Russian Federation)	17th session 27-29 April 1999	TRANS/SC.3/ WP.3/35

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Conference of European Statisticians		46th plenary session 18-20 May 1998 Paris (France)	ECE/CES/55 + CES/1998/34 & Adds.1-6
Chairman:	Mr. P. Garonna (Italy)		
Vice-Chairmen:	Mr. A. Abrahamse (Netherlands) Mr. S. Longva (Norway) Mr. D. Murphy (Ireland) Mr. E. Outrata (Czech Republic) Mr. R. Veetousme (Estonia)		
Regional Population Meeting		7-9 December 1998 Budapest (Hungary)	CES/PAU/1998/30
Chairman:	Ms. G. Vukovich (Hungary)		
Vice-Chairmen:	Mr. W. Haug (Switzerland) Ms. C. Höhn (Germany) Mr. L. Østby (Norway) Ms. V. Steshenko (Ukraine)		
Joint ECE/WHO Meeting on Health Statistics		14-16 October 1998 Rome (Italy)	CES/AC.36/1998/3
Chairman:	Mr. P. Garonna (Italy)		
Meeting on the Management of Statistical Information Technology		15-17 February 1999	CES/AC.71/1999/31
Chairman:	Mrs. B. Slater (Canada)		
Vice-Chairman:	Mr. K. Zeila (Latvia)		
Seminar on Integrated Statistical Information Systems and Related Matters (ISIS '98)		27-29 May 1998	CES/SEM.38/2
Chairman:	Ms. B. Slater (Canada)		
Vice-Chairman:	Mr. K. Zeila (Latvia)		
Joint OECD/ECE/Eurostat/FAO Seminar on Agricultural Statistics		29 June-3 July 1998 St. Petersburg (Russian Federation)	CES/SEM.39/41
Co-Chairmen:	Mr. O. Rybak (Russian Federation) Mr. A. Lindner (OECD)		
Joint ECE-Eurostat Work Session on Population and Housing Censuses		9-11 November 1998 Dublin (Ireland)	CES/SEM.40/29
Chairman:	Mr. A. Punch (Ireland)		

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Chairman:	Mr. G. Feher (Hungary)		
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Centre for the Facilitation of Procedures and Practices for Administration, Commerce and Transport (CEFACT)		4th session 14-15 September 1998	TRADE/CEFACT/ 1998/27
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Vice-Chairmen:	Mr. R. Walker (United Kingdom)		
	Mr. K. Itoh (Japan)		
	Mr. S. Mila (IAPH)		
	Mr. R. Colcher (Brazil)		
Chairmen:	Mr. H. Martre (France)	5th session 15-17 March 1999	TRADE/CEFACT/ 1999/19
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	Mr. K. Itoh (Japan)		
	Mr. S. Mila (IAPH)		
	Mr. R. Colcher (Brazil)		
	Ms. T. Sorrenti (United States)		
Working Party on International Contract Practices in Industry		47th session 26-28 October 1998	TRADE/WP.5/1998/11
Chairman:	Mr. D. Winter (United Kingdom)		
Vice-Chairman:	Mr. D. Colodeiciuc (Romania)		
Working Party on Technical Harmonization and Standardization Policies		8th session 18-20 May 1998	TRADE/WP.6/1998/15
Chairman:	Mr. C. Arvius (Sweden)		
Vice-Chairmen:	Ms. M. Saunders (United States)		
	Mr. V. Koreshkov (Belarus)		
Working Party on Standardization of Perishable Produce and Quality Development		54th session 9-11 November 1998	TRADE/WP.7/ 1998/9
Chairman:	Mr. M. Vilchez-Barros (Spain)		
Vice-Chairmen:	Mr. D.L. Priester (United States)		
	Mrs. O. Vorovenci (Romania)		

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Chairman: Mr. D.L. Priester (United States) **Vice-Chairman:** Ms. U. Bickelmann (Germany)		
Meeting of Specialized Section on Standardization of Dry and Dried Produce (Fruit)	45th session 15-19 June 1998 Grenoble (France)	TRADE/WP.7/GE.2/ 1998/14
Chairman: Mr. W. Staub (Germany) **Vice-Chairman:** Mr. M. Sciannella (Italy)		
Meeting of Specialized Section on Standardization of Early and Ware Potatoes	14th session 1-2 February 1999	TRADE/WP.7/GE.5/ 1999/6
Chairman: Mr. J. Debaveye (Belgium) **Vice-Chairman:** Ms. K. Zgorska (Poland)		
Meeting of Specialized Section on Standardization of Meat (Porcine, Bovine, Poultry)	7th session 11-13 May 1998	TRADE/WP.7/GE.11/ 1998/5
Chairman: Mr. B. Carpenter (United States) **Vice-Chairman:** Mr. P. Hardwick (United Kingdom)		
Ad Hoc Group of Experts on the Chemical Industry	1st session 27-29 April 1998	TRADE/CHEM/GE.1/ 1998/6
Chairman: Mr. J. Čoupek (Czech Republic) **Vice-Chairman:** Ms. J. Ory (France)	2nd session 28-30 April 1999	TRADE/CHEM/GE.1/ 1999/6
Ad Hoc Meeting for the Pilot Project demonstrating the Environmental Clean-up of Selected Sites Polluted by Chemicals	5th meeting 27 April 1998	TRADE/CHEM/ AC.1/2
Chairman: Mr. J. Čoupek (Czech Republic)	6th meeting 27 April 1999	TRADE/CHEM/ AC.1/4
Ad Hoc Meeting on the Comparative Databank of Chemical Legislation in ECE Member Countries	7th meeting 8 October 1998	TRADE/CHEM/ AC.4/3
Chairman: Mr. J. Čoupek (Czech Republic)		
Ad Hoc Meeting for the Preparation of the Directory of Chemical Producers and Products	6th meeting 8 October 1998	TRADE/CHEM/ AC.6/4
Chairman: Mr. W. Werblinski (Poland)		

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Ad Hoc Group of Experts on Steel	2nd session 24-25 March 1999	TRADE/STEEL/ GE.1/1999/6
Chairman: Mr. J.L. Montagut (France) **Vice-Chairman:** Mr. V. Laszczyk (Poland)		
Ad Hoc Meeting on the Steel Market	2nd meeting 30 October 1998	TRADE/STEEL/1998/ AC.1/2
Chairman: Mr. A. Signora (France) **Vice-Chairman:** Mr. P. Tardy (Hungary)		
Chairman: Mr. P. Tardy (Hungary)	3rd meeting 23 March 1999	TRADE/STEEL/1999/ AC.1/2
Preparatory Meeting for the Workshop on Radioactive Contaminated Scrap	22 March 1999	---
Chairman: Mr. J. Raab (Czech Republic)		
Preparatory Meeting for the Seminar on the Structure of Steel Consumption	23 March 1999	TRADE/STEEL/ SEM.4/AC/3
Chairman: Mr. P. Tardy (Hungary)		
ENERGY		
Committee on Sustainable Energy	8th session 6-8 October 1998	ECE/ENERGY/38
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Ad Hoc Group of Experts on Coal and Thermal Power	1st session 5-6 October 1998	ENERGY/GE.1/ 1998/3
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Ad Hoc Group of Experts on Extension of European Electricity Interconnections		1st session 9 October 1998	ENERGY/GE.2/ 1998/2
Chairman:	Mr. H.Ch. Blanc (France)		
Vice-Chairman:	Mr. I. Smirnov (Russian Federation)		
Working Party on Gas		9th session 27-29 January 1999	ENERGY/WP.3/ 1999/2
Chairman:	Mr. N. Pavlovschi (Romania)		
Vice-Chairmen:	Mr. B. Rey (Poland)		
	Mr. C. Simeoni (Italy)		
Meeting of Experts on Natural Gas Resources		21st session 8-9 June 1998	ENERGY/WP.3/ GE.1/1998/2
Chairman:	Mr. M. Kosinowski (Germany)		
Vice-Chairman:	Mr. V. Skorobogatov (Russian Federation)		
Meeting of Experts on the Use and Distribution of Gas		29th session 17 September 1998	ENERGY/WP.3/ GE.2/1998/2
Chairman:	Mr. A. Fronski (Poland)		
Meeting of Experts on the Transport and Storage of Gas		29th session 18 September 1998	ENERGY/WP.3/ GE.3/1998/2
Chairman:	Mr. R. van Noord (Netherlands)		
Vice-Chairman:	Mr. A. Zedelj (Croatia)		
Ad Hoc Group of Experts on the Supply and Use of Gas - Bureau and Rapporteurs' Meeting		26 January 1999	ENERGY/WP.3/ GE.5/1999/1
Chairman:	Mr. A. Zedelj (Croatia)		
Vice-Chairman:	Mrs. M.T. Sao Pedro (Portugal)		
Steering Committee of the Energy Efficiency 2000 Project		9th session 26-28 May 1998	ENERGY/WP.4/ 1998/2
Chairman:	Mr. R. Bowes (United States)		
Vice-Chairmen:	Mr. T. Dahlsveen (Norway)		
	Mr. D. Chello (Italy)		
	Mr. Z. Genchev (Bulgaria)		
	Mr. V. Shakhin (Russian Federation)		

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Timber Committee		56th session 28 September- 1 October 1998	ECE/TIM/91
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Vice-Chairmen:	Ms. A. Bergquist (Sweden) Mr. G. Siegel (Austria)		
Joint FAO/ECE/ILO Committee on Forest Technology, Management and Training		22nd session 14-16 September 1998	TIM/EFC/WP.1/28
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Vice-Chairman:	Mr. P. Efthymiou (Greece) Mr. V. Korobov (Russian Federation)		
Seminar on Forestry Training for Target Groups that are Hard to Reach		20-24 April 1998 La Bastide des Jourdans (France)	TIM/EFC/WP.1/ SEM.46/2
Chairman:	Mr. J.-B. Carreau (France)		
Seminar on Improving Working Conditions and Increasing Productivity in Forestry		9-13 September 1998 Banska Štiavnica (Slovakia)	TIM/EFC/WP.1/ SEM.47/2
Chairman:	Mr. J. Bartoska (Slovakia)		
	HUMAN SETTLEMENTS		
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Vice-Chairmen:	Mr. Nichkasov (Belarus) Mr. H. Pitkäranta (Finland) Mr. N.V. Maslov (Russian Federation) Ms. B. Lipej (Slovenia) Mr. J. Zetter (United Kingdom) Ms J. Khadduri (United States)		
Eighth Conference on Urban and Regional Research		8-11 June 1998 Madrid (Spain)	HBP/SEM.52/2
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Vice-Chairman:	Mr. U. Christiansen (Denmark)		

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NOTE: The language versions issued are indicated by the following abbreviations: E, English; F, French; R, Russian; E/F, bilingual (English/French); E/F/R, trilingual (English/French/Russian).

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Annual Report of the ECE to ECOSOC, 25 April 1997 - 23 April 1998, Supplement No. 18 (E/1998/38-E/ECE/1365)	E F R
Economic Survey of Europe, 1998 No. 1 (Sales No. 98.II.E.1)	E R
Economic Survey of Europe, 1998 No. 2 (Sales No. 98.II.E.18)	E
Economic Survey of Europe, 1998 No. 3 (Sales No. 98.II.E.25)	E
The ECE in the Age of Change (E/ECE/1357)	E F R
Living Arrangements of Older Persons in Canada: Effects on their Socio-economic Conditions (Sales No. GV.E.98.0.19)	E

Economic Studies

No. 10f - Fertility and Family Surveys in Countries of the ECE Region: Standard Country Report - Latvia (Sales No. GV.E.98.0.4)	E
No. 10g - Fertility and Family Surveys in Countries of the ECE Region: Standard Country Report - Finland (Sales No. GV.E.98.0.10)	E
No. 10h - Fertility and Family Surveys in Countries of the ECE Region: Standard Country Report - Austria (Sales No. GV.E.98.0.24)	E
No. 10i - Fertility and Family Surveys in Countries of the ECE Region: Standard Country Report - Spain (Sales No. GV.E.98.0.26)	E
No. 11 - In-Depth Studies on Migration in Central and Eastern Europe: The Case of Poland (Sales No. 98.II.E.24)	E

ENVIRONMENTAL AND WATER PROBLEMS

Convention on Access to Information, Public Participation in Decision-making and Access to Justice in Environmental Matters (E/ECE/1366) (Sales No. 98.II.E.27)	E F R

Role of Economic Instruments in Integrating Environmental Policy with Sectoral Policies (ECE/CEP/60)	E
Protecting our Environment - How Environmental Impact Assessment Can Help (ECE/CEP/61)	E F R
Environmental Performance Reviews Series	
No. 3 - Republic of Moldova (Sales No. 98.II.E.13)	E
No. 4 - Lithuania (Sales No. 99.II.E.7)	E
No. 5 - Latvia (Sales No. 99.II.E.8)	E

TRANSPORT

European Agreement concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Road (ADR) and Protocol of Signature (ECE/TRANS/130, Vols. I and II)	E F R
Agreement concerning the establishing of global technical regulations for wheeled vehicles, equipment and parts which can be fitted and/or be used on wheeled vehicles (ECE/TRANS/132)	E/F/R
Working Party on Inland Water Transport Resolution No. 41: Small Craft Used Exclusively for Pleasure Navigation (TRANS/SC.3/148)	E F R
International Directory on Focal Points for the Management of the TIR Customs Transit Procedure	E/F
International TIR Databank of Persons Authorized to Utilize TIR Carnets - User Instructions for Data Entry Mask (on CD-ROM)	E F
Inventory of Main Standards and Parameters of the E Waterway Network ("Blue Book") (TRANS/SC.3/144)	E F R
CEVNI - European Code for Inland Waterways, Revision 1 (TRANS/SC.3/115/Rev.1 and Amend 1) ((Sales No. 98.II.E.9)	E F R

Periodic Bulletins

Statistics of Road Traffic Accidents in Europe and North America, 1998, Vol. XLIII (Sales No. 98.II.E.10)	E/F/R

STATISTICS

Trends in Europe and North America, 1998/1999 - The Statistical Yearbook of the Economic Commission for Europe (Sales No. 98.II.E.22)	E

World Robotics 1998 - Statistics, Market Analysis, Forecasts, Case Studies and Profitability of Robot Investment (Sales No. GV.E.98.0.25) E

TRADE, INDUSTRY AND ENTERPRISE DEVELOPMENT

Recommendation No. 16, third edition: UN/LOCODE, Codes for Ports and Other Locations (ECE/TRADE/227) E F R

CHEMLEX CD-ROM - Chemical Legislation in ECE Countries (Sales No. GV.E.98.0.17) E

Risk Management for Small and Medium-sized Enterprises in Countries in Transition - A guide to help start-ups and advanced private enterprises in countries in transition understand risk and prepare to avoid it (OPA/AC.8/1) E R

SME Policy Focal Points and Business Support Institutions in Countries in Transition (OPA/AC.13/1) E

Periodic Bulletins

The Chemical Industry in 1997, Annual Review : Production and Trade Statistics 1994-1996 (ECE/TRADE/219) (Sales No. 98.II.E.15) E R

Annual Bulletin of Trade in Chemical Products, Vol. XXI - 1996 (ECE/TRADE/218) (Sales No. 98.II.E.6) E/F/R

The Steel Market in 1997 and Prospects for 1998 (ECE/TRADE/217) (Sales No. 98.II.E.19) E

Annual Bulletin of Steel Statistics for Europe, America and Asia, 1994-1997, Vol. XXIV (ECE/TRADE/224) (Sales No. 98.II.E.21) E/F/R

Statistics of World Trade in Steel, 1997 (ECE/TRADE/225) (Sales No. 98.II.E.20) E/F/R

ENERGY

International Classification of in-Seam Coals (ENERGY/1998/19) E/F/R

ECE Energy Series No. 14: East-West Energy Efficiency Standards and Labels (ECE/ENERGY/35) (Sales No. GV.E.98.0.12) E

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ECE Gas Centre Series No. 8: Role of Foreign Direct Investment in the Gas Industry: Economies in Transition and Southern Mediterranean Countries (Sales No. GV.E.98.0.5) E

ECE Gas Centre Series No. 9: Reform and Restructuring of the Gas Industry in Economies in Transition 1997 (Sales No. GV.E.98.0.23) E

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Timber and Forest Information Series: Timber Committee Yearbook 1998 (ECE/TIM/INF/5)	E R
Geneva Timber and Forest Study Papers	
No.15: Non-wood Goods and Services of the Forest (ECE/TIM/SP/15) (Sales No. 98.II.E.12)	E F R

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Timber Bulletin, Vol. L (1997)	
No. 5: Forest Products Trade Flow Data 1995-1996 (ECE/TIM/BULL/50/5)	E/F
Timber Bulletin, Vol. LI (1998)	
No.1: Forest Products Prices 1995-1997 (ECE/TIM/BULL/51/1)	E/F
No.2: Forest Products Statistics, 1993-1997 (ECE/TIM/BULL/51/2)	E/F
No.3: Forest Products Annual Market Review, 1997-1998 (ECE/TIM/BULL/51/3)	E F R
No.6: Forest Products Markets in 1998 and Prospects for 1999 (ECE/TIM/BULL/51/6)	E/F R

HUMAN SETTLEMENTS

Country Profiles on the Housing Sector - Poland (ECE/HBP/107) (Sales No. 98.II.E.7)	E
Major Trends Characterizing Human Settlements Development in the ECE Region (ECE/HBP/108) (Sales No. 98.II.E.16)	E

Periodic Bulletins

Annual Bulletin of Housing and Building Statistics for Europe and North America, 1998, Vol. XXXIX (Sales No. 98.II.E.17)	E/F/R

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Committee on Sustainable Energy	ECE/ENERGY/38
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